

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING

Call to Order: Chair Mike Cuffe, on January 16, 2015 at 8:01 AM, in Room 317B Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mike Cuffe, Chair (R)
Sen. Rick Ripley, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Dave Hagstrom (R)
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)
Rep. Mitch Tropila (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Jon C. Sesso (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Catherine Duncan, Legislative Branch
Christine Hultin-Brus, Office of Budget and Political Planning
Mary Ann Mackay, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 5, 1/9/2015
Renewable Resources Grants and Loans (RRGL) Introduction
Renewable Resources Grants and Loans (RRGL) Infrastructure

00:00:14 Chair Cuffe

Renewal Resources Program:

00:03:19 John Tubbs, Director, Department of Natural Resources (DNRC)

[EXHIBIT\(jlh10a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jlh10a02\)](#)

00:14:36 Chair Cuffe

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:16:14 Sen. Ripley

00:16:45 John Tubbs, DNRC

00:19:09 Chair Cuffe

00:19:18 John Tubbs, DNRC

00:19:45 Chair Cuffe

00:19:58 John Tubbs, DNRC

00:20:14 Chair Cuffe

00:21:23 John Tubbs, DNRC

00:21:32 Chair Cuffe

Fiscal Analysis:

00:21:53 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

[EXHIBIT\(jlh10a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jlh10a04\)](#)

00:26:51 Chair Cuffe

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:27:00 Rep. Tropila

00:27:46 Cathy Duncan, LFD

00:29:24 Chair Cuffe

00:29:28 Christine Hultin-Brus, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

00:29:47 Chair Cuffe

Introduction to Renewable Resource Grants and Loans (RRGL) Program

00:30:14 Alice Stanley, Bureau Chief, Resource Development, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

[EXHIBIT\(jlh10a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jlh10a06\)](#)

00:43:49 Chair Cuffe

Proponents:

00:44:04 Rep. Ray Shaw, (R), HD 71

00:45:35 Chair Cuffe

Complexity of Project Funding

00:46:37 Anna Miller, Financial Officer, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

[EXHIBIT\(jlh10a07\)](#)

01:02:21 Chair Cuffe

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:02:25 Rep. Tropila
01:03:12 Anna Miller, DNRC
01:05:45 Rep. Tropila
01:05:53 Rep. Hagstrom
01:06:17 Anna Miller, DNRC
01:06:34 Rep. Hagstrom
01:07:09 Anna Miller, DNRC
01:08:33 Rep. Hagstrom
01:09:05 Anna Miller, DNRC
01:10:17 Rep. Hagstrom
01:10:31 Anna Miller, DNRC
01:11:38 Chair Cuffe
01:11:41 Bob Fischer, Civil Engineer Specialist, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
01:12:25 Chair Cuffe
01:12:30 Bob Fischer, DNRC
1:13:02 Chair Cuffe

2015 Grants Status:

01:13:11 Pam Smith, Program Manager, Renewable Resource Grant and Loan (RRGL) Program, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Ranking Process:

01:27:21 Pam Smith, DNRC
[EXHIBIT\(jlh10a08\)](#)
01:32:53 Chair Cuffe
01:32:58 Cathy Duncan, LFD
01:33:55 Chair Cuffe

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:34:00 Rep. Tropila
01:34:53 Pam Smith, DNRC
01:35:28 Rep. Tropila
01:35:36 Cathy Duncan, LFD
01:36:36 Chair Cuffe
01:36:55 Alice Stanley, Bureau Chief, Resource Development, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

[EXHIBIT\(jlh10a09\)](#)

01:37:15 Chair Cuffe

01:37:25 Recessed.
01:51:06 Reconvened.

01:51:11 Chair Cuffe

Town of Bainville, Bainville Wastewater System improvements

01:51:17 Pam Smith, DNRC

01:51:46 Patrick Murtagh, Engineer for Town of Bainville

[EXHIBIT\(jlh10a10\)](#)

01:54:19 Chair Cuffe

City of Sidney, Sidney Wastewater Improvements Project, Phase 2

01:55:13 Pam Smith, DNRC

01:55:29 Patrick Murtagh, Engineer for City of Sidney

[EXHIBIT\(jlh10a11\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:57:20 Rep. Hagstrom

01:57:41 Alice Stanley, DNRC

01:57:57 Rep. Hagstrom

01:58:03 Chair Cuffe

01:58:46 Patrick Murtagh, Engineer

01:59:23 Rep. Peppers

01:59:37 Patrick Murtagh, Engineer

02:00:15 Sen. Ripley

02:01:09 Anna Miller, DNRC

02:01:42 Sen. Ripley

02:01:50 Anna Miller, DNRC

02:02:05 Chair Cuffe

City of Missoula, Caras Park Outfall Stormwater Treatment Retrofit, Phase 1

02:02:25 Pam Smith, DNRC

02:02:43 Matt Barnes, Morrison & Maierle on behalf of Missoula and Caras Park Project

[EXHIBIT\(jlh10a12\)](#)

02:07:30 John MacDonald, City of Missoula

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:08:43 Sen. Ripley

02:09:01 Matt Barnes, Morrison and Maierle

02:09:14 Sen. Ripley

02:09:27 Matt Barnes, Morrison and Maierle

02:09:41 Chair Cuffe

Jefferson County, Whitehall Sugar Row Wastewater System Improvements

02:09:51 Pam Smith, DNRC

02:10:07 Leonard Wortman, Chair, Jefferson County Commissioners

02:12:22 Tim Wilna, Sugar Beet Row

02:13:56 Chair Cuffe

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:14:06 Rep. Peppers

02:14:21 Tim Wilna, Sugar Beet Row

02:15:51 Chair Cuffe

Rocker County Water and Sewer District, Rocker Sewer Connection to TIFID Wastewater Pipeline

02:16:08 Pam Smith, DNRC

02:16:29 Ed Janney, Dowell, HKM Engineering, representing Rocker County Water and Sewer District
02:18:12 Chair Cuffe left.
02:19:26 Chair Ripley

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:19:33 Rep. Tropila
02:19:51 Ed Janney, Engineer
02:20:47 Chair Ripley

City of Cut Bank, Wastewater Treatment Project

02:20:57 Pam Smith, DNRC
02:21:11 Dave Aune, Great West Engineering, on behalf of City of Cut Bank
02:22:37 Sen. Ripley

Missoula County, Buena Vista Trailer Community Wastewater Improvements, Phase 1

02:22:44 Anna Miller, DNRC
02:23:09 Chair Ripley
02:23:15 Gregg Robertson, Chief Public Works Officer, Missoula County
02:28:31 Chair Ripley
02:28:54 Kaia Peterson, Neighbor Works, Missoula
02:30:15 Terry Huetter, Missoula, President of Buena Vista Community, Missoula
02:31:17 Charles Schneider, Vice President, Buena Vista Community, Missoula
02:31:58 Sheryl Huetter, Buena Vista Community, Missoula
02:32:12 Chair Ripley

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:32:18 Rep. Hagstrom
02:32:38 Kaia Peterson, Neighbor Works
02:33:40 Rep. Hagstrom
02:33:47 Kaia Peterson, Neighbor Works
02:33:55 Chair Ripley

Highwood County Water and Sewer District, Wastewater System Improvements

02:34:01 Pam Smith, DNRC
02:34:26 Pamela Lemer, Bear Paw Development Corporation, on behalf of Highwood County Water and Sewer District
02:38:16 Chair Ripley

Riverside Water and Sewer District, Wastewater Facility Plan

02:38:23 Pam Smith, DNRC
02:38:42 Patrick Murtagh, Engineer
02:39:44 Chair Ripley

South Wind Water and Sewer District, Water Distribution and Wastewater Collection Study

02:39:51 Pam Smith, DNRC
02:40:17 Rep. Tom Jacobson (D), HD 21
02:41:30 Chair Ripley

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:41:39 Rep. Peppers
 02:41:50 Chair Cuffe returned.
 02:41:54 Rep. Jacobson
 02:42:53 Anna Miller, DNRC
 02:43:42 Rep. Tropila

Black Eagle-Cascade County Water & Sewer District, Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation, Phase 2

02:44:39 Pam Smith, DNRC
 02:45:08 Sarah Peck, Black Eagle-Cascade County Water and Sewer District
 02:48:35 Chair Cuffe
 02:48:44 Sen. Ed Buttrey, (R), SD 11
 02:49:13 Rep. Jacobson
 02:49:56 Chair Cuffe

Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch Water and Sewer District, Wastewater Improvements Projects

02:50:11 Pam Smith, DNRC
 02:50:44 Glenn McFarlane, Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch (YBGR)

EXHIBIT(jlh10a13)

02:53:40 Chair Cuffe
 02:53:46 Glenn McFarlane, YBGR
 02:53:58 Todd Mitchell, Sanderson Stewart Engineering
 02:55:44 Chair Cuffe
 02:55:51 Sen. Cary Smith (R), SD 27
 02:56:15 Chair Cuffe

City of Missoula, Buckhouse Bridge Outfall - Stormwater Treatment Retrofit

02:56:20 Pam Smith, DNRC
 02:56:37 Chair Cuffe
 02:56:51 Matt Barnes, Morrison and Maierle

EXHIBIT(jlh10a14)**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:57:41 Rep. Tropila
 02:58:02 Matt Barnes, Morrison and Maierle
 02:59:00 Chair Cuffe

Town of Flaxville, Flaxville Water System Improvements

02:59:06 Pam Smith, DNRC
 02:59:39 Dave Aune, Great West Engineering, on behalf Flaxville

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:00:45 Rep. Tropila
 03:00:57 Dave Aune, Great West Engineering
 03:01:12 Rep. Tropila
 03:01:22 Rep. Peppers
 03:01:33 Dave Aune, Great West Engineering
 03:01:47 Chair Cuffe

Town of Kevin, Kevin Wastewater Improvement Project - 2014

03:02:04 Pam Smith, DNRC

RAE Subdivision County Water and Sewer District No 313, Woodland Park Well

03:02:15 Pam Smith, DNRC

Gore Hill County Water District, Gore Hill Water and Sewer District Water System Improvements

03:02:42 Pam Smith, DNRC

03:02:53 Dennis Peppenger, Gore Hill County Water District

03:04:13 Chair Cuffe

03:04:21 Dennis Peppenger, Gore Hill

03:04:30 Chair Cuffe

Crow Tribe of Indians, Crow Agency Renewable Energy Technology Wastewater Treatment Facility

03:04:36 Pam Smith, DNRC

03:04:53 Matt Barnes, Morrison and Maierle

03:05:48 Chair Cuffe

City of Shelby, Shelby Stormwater System Improvements

03:05:59 Pam Smith, DNRC

03:06:17 Melissa Lewis, on behalf of Shelby

03:06:49 Chair Cuffe

Committee Business:

03:06:59 Pam Smith, DNRC

[EXHIBIT\(jlh10a15\)](#)

03:07:24 Anna Miller, DNRC

03:08:14 Chair Cuffe

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 03:09:22

Mary Ann Mackay, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([jlh10aad.pdf](#))